

**Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Shadow COB**  
**Update to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board**  
**26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

As you are aware from our previous updates to the area board. the SCOB members felt that as an outcome is still awaited from discussions with the MOD, we would reconvene as a group when more information was known.

We are continuing to wait to hear an update of discussions with the MOD. Whilst there are no firm proposals at this stage, it is likely that further discussions will be progressed through the Military and Civilian Integration work that Wiltshire Council are working on. Such integration will benefit Armed Forces personnel, their families, veterans and local communities hence why we will try to progress discussions through this route.

An update to this effect will be included in the wider report about campus proposals which will be considered by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet in October 2012. It will assist in discussions with the MOD if we regularly continue to seek approval to progress discussions on the delivery of the COBs preferred campus proposal.

We will report back to the area board when we have received additional feedback and are in a position to provide you with a more detailed update.

We as a group feel there may be limited value in developing ideas or other areas of work until a way forward is clearer so we have postponed meeting until a later date.

As we have expressed previously, it is clear that we can deliver conversations, consultations and workshops quickly and efficiently when asked and I have confidence that in the next few months we will attend to the SCOB Work Plan.

We continue to trust and must express our thanks to Wiltshire Council for continuing to work hard on the SCOBs behalf. We have no doubt they are doing their very best to secure partner funding for our Preferred Option.

**Thomas Woodhouse, Chair, of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Shadow Operations Board**